

Email correspondence from Carolyn Hanson, October 14, 2020

Side yard, erosion & run off, was grass covered before project began



Driving all over green belt. Damaged in three different places.

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All sorts of equipment & trailers, 4 different ones today, parked on the property. Three Hoop houses to store more equipment erected in the back & side yard. Cars are parked all night & day on what used to be the grass even though there is street parking available. It appears to be a junkyard for storage rather than a construction site.



Dear DRB board,

Thank you for taking the time to review the project underway at 119 Spruce. I live across the street & wish to object to the application. First, a great majority of the work applied for has already been done illegally. Second, the property already has a perfectly good garden storage shed that fit with the size & style of the neighborhood that was torn down prematurely. Third, the permit process in Burlington depends on integrity & truthfulness. The city does not have the resources to carefully police every building project to ensure compliance. Based on the track record here, the board would be mistaken to assume that what the applicant proposes is what he will actually build. There are people currently living in the house, which I understand is not habitable, and the conditions & regulations, such as not working on Sunday & having proper lead abatement precautions in place before performing work, are not being followed. I would

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recommend against awarding any permits unless & until all plans for the property are ready for review. The property currently has no driveway. Is the applicant intending to apply for one? The property now has no garage. Is the applicant intending to apply for one? The applicant needs to demonstrate compliance & respect for the rules that everyone else must follow before seeking permits to build additional structures. I've separately emailed Scott Gustin several photos of the property which I would respectfully request that the board review.

Thank you, Carolyn Hanson

While writing my comments another van showed up & parked this way in the property.



Dear DRB,

In addition to my public comments & photos of 119 Spruce, I would like to bring to the board's attention

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the work that is being done next door. I am grateful that the board is carefully reviewing 119 Spruce, especially because the adjacent property is building a large parking area & workshop that are out of scale of the neighborhood. When I contacted the city, i was told that the project received an administrative permit so no DRB review was necessary. I was told that as long as the workshop was no closer to the street than the house, it complied. Having the structure so close to the street & with a parking lot in front of it, is quite jarring.

Fortunately, unlike the applicant at 119, the owners do live in the house & the work is being done in a professional manner, but it does not fit with our neighborhood. I'm not sure there is much the DRB can do about it now, but I wanted to call it to your attention since I do think work of this scale should require your considered review. And also because I don't think our neighborhood can absorb another ill-conceived project next door at 119.

Thank you,
Carolyn Hanson

